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BETHEL'S CIVIL WAR SOLDIER'S MONUMENT DEDICATED 100 YEARS AGO

This year marked the centennial of the dedication of Bethel's Civil War Soldier's monument on Memorial Day 1908. The account of this event in the 4 June 1908 edition of the *Bethel Citizen* captures some of the patriotic fervor it must have stirred in the hearts of many of those in attendance. As the *Citizen* reported: "Every fluttering flag waved patriotism and every heart throbbed with love of country." The newspaper continued: "It was a glorious day and we cannot be too grateful to the enthusiastic mind which conceived it and the loyal workers who cooperated in carrying the plan to such a happy consummation."

With a parade numbering over 400 that included the twenty-five piece Rumford Falls band, speakers and municipal officers, Civil War veterans, a large group of women, school children with flags waving, "scarlet shirted firemen, and finally citizens of Bethel and environs.

The procession was marshalled by Major Adelbert Twitchell of Newark, NJ, who was mounted with A. S.

Chapman and Augustus M. Carter, comrades of his old battery. Also mounted was Fred L. Edwards, son of Col. Clark S. Edwards of the Fifth Maine. Joining in the group were Ira C. Jordan, A. M. True, T. M. Bean and Brown Post, Grand Army of the Republic Commander A. H. Hutchinson.

The procession began at Gould Academy on Church Street, marched around the Common, down Broad Street to Main Street to the monument. The whole village was decked in flags and patriotic bunting. At the monument, the veterans and Relief Corps gathered along with the school children and were flanked by over 2000 citizens in attendance. A speaker's stand had been erected at the side of the monument where space was provide for seating the speakers, clergymen, municipal officers and guests—approximately twenty in all.

After a number from the band, the Rev. William Curtis of the Bethel Congregational Church led the assemblage in prayer followed by a patriotic song featuring the school children under the leadership of Bessie Andrews. Next came Ellery C. Park, attorney, presiding officer, who presented a short address that was enthusiastically received. He paid tribute to the sacrifices of the Civil War soldiers from Bethel

and to all those who had made the monument possible.

Brown Post Commander A. H. Hutchinson was then summoned for the unveiling of the blue granite soldier's monument, which was purchased for \$1550 through public subscription and town appropriation from the Smith Granite Company of Waverly, RI. Prior to that he spoke movingly of the Bethel Civil War veterans and their esteemed commander, Col. Clark S. Edwards, whose daughter, Nellie Edwards Phipps was called upon to officially pull the string, causing the flag to drop from the monument as the band struck up the national anthem.

E. C. Bowler, editor of the *Citizen*, was the next speaker. He provided a short address on the importance of citizenship in a democratic republic.

Bowler was followed by Alfred M. True, son of Dr. Nathaniel Tuckerman True, who recalled the Bethel soldiers of '61 to '65, and the spirit of those days that stirred the hearts of young men and led them to the front to defend the Union. He remembered some of the Bethel "boys" as "touched by the spirit of the hour and went forward to rank among the bravest and truest soldiers of that terrible war."

Sarah E. Putnam, a former resident and prominent figure in State and National Women's Relief Corps work, was then introduced and spoke briefly of the work of the Corps. She recounted all the instances of assistance the Corps had provided veterans since its organization in 1883, totaling between three and four million dollars of relief work.

The next speech was ably delivered by Maj. John Mead Gould of Portland, who distinguished himself after the war as a gifted writer and speaker. His brief address was especially formulated for all the children present.

The program ended with the Marshall of the event, Maj. Adelbert Twitchell, who gave a very touching valedictory to the Old Soldiers present and his fellow comrades, which "stirred the hearts of many to tears."

A "camp fire meeting" at Odeon Hall in the evening continued the spirit of the day with E.C. Bowler, the president of the Monument Committee, serving as master of ceremonies. A prayer was offered by Rev. Banghart of the Methodist Church after which Judge Addison E. Herrick was introduced and thanked everyone who had made the monument possible, expressing appreciation for the impressive ceremonies of the day. Then came the "camp fire," where Post Commander Hutchinson, A. S. Chapman, Maj. Twitchell, E. P. Twitchell of Minneapolis, MN, J. H. Barrows, A. M. Carter, H. C. Barker, A. M. True, George L. Grover of Harrison, and Maj. J. M. Gould spoke from the stage, recalling some of their war memories. Rev. Frank Mansfield closed the evening with a patriotic address. Band and choral music was interspersed between the speeches throughout the evening.

John Mead Gould, one of the featured speakers of this dedication, was born in Portland, 15 December 1839, the son of Edward and Althea C. Gould. He was educated in the public schools of Portland and at Gorham and Gould's academies. At the age of twenty-one, he enlisted in the Portland Light Guards ten days after the outbreak of the Civil War. After a year's service, he was promoted to second lieutenant and was made a major in 1864. During the war, he took an active role in the battles of Winchester, Cedar



John Mead Gould

Mountain, Antietam, Sabina Cross Roads and several others, finally being discharged in 1866 a year after the end of the war. Returning home to Portland, Major Gould became connected with the National Traders Bank as a teller, a position, which held until the death of his father, Edward Gould. He then assumed the cashier's post, serving in that role until 1908 when the bank was absorbed by Fidelity Trust. He married the former Amelia J. Twitchell, who died in 1926, and they were the parents of three children. In 1871, Major Gould wrote a history of the 1-10-29 Maine Regiment's Civil War service, credited to be one of the best histories of the regiment's activities during the war, for which he was highly praised by President Rutherford B. Hayes. Very active in the Portland community, he was long associated with the Second Parish Church and the Seaman's Bethel Church, as well as relief work in longshore and Italian mission causes. A gifted speaker, he often addressed congregations in the greater Portland area. He was a member of the Bosworth Post, Grand Army of the Republic of Portland. An avid collector of Civil War books and materials, he was believed to have the finest library of war books in the State of Maine. Following his retirement, he devoted much of his time to the outdoor study of nature, serving at one time as the president of the Portland Society of Natural History. He was survived by his two sons, two sisters and a brother. A daughter, Annie Alexander Gould was a missionary to China from 1893 to 1900, when she was murdered on 1 July 1900 in Pao-Ting-Fu during the Boxer Rebellion. His funeral was held at the Seaman's Bethel Church and burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Bethel, Maine. He kept a diary for much of his life beginning with his student days at Gould Academy in the 1850s. During the Civil War he sent his diary entries to his lifelong friend, Edward Sylvester Morse, the famed zoologist, who carefully preserved them and they were later published in book form.

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Bethel Historical Society Financial Statements for the years 2007 and 2006

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ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Bethel Historical Society
PO Box 12
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We have compiled the accompanying statement of financial position of the Bethel Historical Society (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements of Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statement information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The schedule of functional expenses is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is limited to presenting information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying information, and accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

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July 24, 2007

Bethel Historical Society Statement of Financial Position For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

Exhibit A

Assets	2007	2006
Cash and cash equivalents	\$124,450	\$91,909
Certificates of deposit	8,330	6,996
Inventory	34,342	34,326
Prepaid expenses	2,745	1,985
Investments - Marketable securities	554,849	517,860
Contributions receivable, net	37,500	36,060
Land, buildings and equipment (Net)	350,432	361,499
Cash and investments restricted for long-term purposes	154,573	154,573
Total assets	\$1,267,221	\$1,205,208

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$2,078	\$3,625
Accrued Expenses	708	1,760
Gift Annuity Liability	37,332	0
Total liabilities	40,118	5,385
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	855,543	900,539
Temporarily restricted	216,987	144,711
Permanently restricted	154,573	154,573
Total net assets	1,227,103	1,199,823
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,267,221	\$1,205,208

See accountants' compilation report.
The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Bethel Historical Society Statements of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Exhibit B

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions	\$28,905	\$0	\$0	\$28,905
Grants	500	2,719	0	3,219
Dues	9,617	0	0	9,617
Admissions and sales income	15,227	0	0	15,227
Capital campaign income	0	5,612	0	5,612
Rental Income	465	0	0	465
Special event income	13,426	0	0	13,426
Less - Cost of special events	(10,820)	0	0	(10,820)
Investment income	95	31,786	0	31,881
Gain on sale of securities	0	13,303	0	13,303
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	39,602	0	0	39,602
Net assets released from restrictions	47,477	(47,477)	0	0
Total support and revenue	144,494	5,943	0	150,437
Expenses:				
Program services	117,536	0	0	117,536
Support services	15,841	0	0	15,841
Total expenses	133,377	0	0	133,377
Increase(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$11,117	\$5,943	\$0	\$17,060

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Bethel Historical Society Statements of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Exhibit B

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue:				
Contributions	\$34,091	\$62,323	\$0	\$96,414
Grants	1,500	0	0	1,500
Dues	11,286	0	0	11,286
Admissions and sales income	13,476	0	0	13,476
Capital campaign income	0	1,394	0	1,394
Rental Income	594	0	0	594
Special event income	13,201	0	0	13,201
Less - Cost of special events	(9,071)	0	0	(9,071)
Investment income	317	43,973	0	44,290
Gain on sale of securities	0	12,762	0	12,762
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	6,475	0	0	6,475
Net assets released from restrictions	48,176	(48,176)	0	0
Total support and revenue	120,045	72,276	0	192,321
Expenses:				
Program services	148,006	0	0	148,006
Support services	17,035	0	0	17,035
Total expenses	165,041	0	0	165,041
Increase in Net Assets	-\$44,996	\$72,276	\$0	\$27,280

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Bethel Historical Society
Statements of Changes in Net Assets
For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

Exhibit C

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Balance, at January 1, 2006	\$889,422	\$138,768	\$154,573	\$1,182,763
Increase(Decrease) in Net Assets 2006	<u>11,117</u>	<u>5,943</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,060</u>
Balance, at December 31, 2006	900,539	144,711	154,573	1,199,823
Increase(Decrease) in Net Assets 2007	<u>(44,996)</u>	<u>72,276</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,280</u>
Balance, at December 31, 2007	<u>\$855,543</u>	<u>\$216,987</u>	<u>\$154,573</u>	<u>\$1,227,103</u>

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Bethel Historical Society
Statements of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Exhibit D

	Program Services	Supporting Services	Total
Advertising	\$116	\$0	\$116
Bank Charges	0	245	\$245
Book Acquisitions	145	0	\$145
Bookkeeping expense	0	600	\$600
Building maintenance	41,298	4,589	\$45,887
Depreciation	10,195	1,133	\$11,328
Director's expense	0	500	\$500
Dues	658	73	\$731
Heat, lights, and water	13,758	1,529	\$15,287
Insurance	17,852	1,448	\$19,300
Intern Costs	0	0	\$0
Janitorial services	2,936	0	\$2,936
Merchandise for resale	5,824	0	\$5,824
Miscellaneous	0	945	\$945
Office supplies and printing	5,159	573	\$5,732
Postage	2,715	302	\$3,017
Professional fees	0	2,050	\$2,050
Salaries	42,244	2,696	\$44,940
Taxes	3,683	194	\$3,877
Telephone	<u>1,423</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>\$1,581</u>
Total functional expenses	<u>\$148,006</u>	<u>\$17,035</u>	<u>\$165,041</u>

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Bethel Historical Society
Statements of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Exhibit D

	Program Services	Supporting Services	Total
Advertising	\$212	\$0	\$212
Bank Charges	0	395	395
Book Acquisitions	211	0	211
Bookkeeping expense	0	504	504
Building maintenance	16,475	1,831	18,306
Depreciation	10,043	1,116	11,159
Director's expense	0	500	500
Dues	473	53	526
Heat, lights, and water	10,234	1,137	11,371
Insurance	17,281	1,393	18,674
Intern Costs	1,000	0	1,000
Janitorial services	2,389	0	2,389
Merchandise for resale	6,551	0	6,551
Miscellaneous	0	509	509
Office supplies and printing	4,809	534	5,343
Postage	2,781	309	3,090
Professional fees	0	4,650	4,650
Salaries	40,001	2,553	42,554
Taxes	3,535	186	3,721
Telephone	<u>1,541</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>1,712</u>
Total functional expenses	<u>\$117,536</u>	<u>\$15,841</u>	<u>\$133,377</u>

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Bethel Historical Society
Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

Exhibit E

	2007	2006
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	\$27,280	\$17,060
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	11,328	11,159
(Increase) Decrease in operating assets:		
Prepaid expenses	(760)	(474)
Inventory	(16)	968
Contributions receivable	(1,440)	(1,440)
Increase (Decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(1,547)	2,621
Accrued expenses	(1,052)	(917)
Gift Annuity liability	<u>37,332</u>	<u>0</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>71,125</u>	<u>28,977</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(239)	(2,125)
Purchase of investments	(269,029)	(148,136)
Proceeds from sale of investments	291,476	157,107
Transfers from investment accounts	(62,125)	(52,906)
Maturity (purchase) of certificates of deposit with terms greater than three months	<u>1,334</u>	<u>(147)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(38,583)</u>	<u>(46,207)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>32,542</u>	<u>(17,230)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, at beginning of year	<u>91,908</u>	<u>109,138</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, at end of year	<u>\$124,450</u>	<u>\$91,908</u>

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Bethel Historical Society
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2007 and 2006

NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies

Organization's activities:

The Organization is a society which promotes the preservation of the history of Bethel, Maine. The Society's primary revenues are donations, dues, admission fees, retail sales, and fees from special events. Other sources of revenue include grants and earnings on investments.

Basis of presentation:

In 1996, the Organization elected to adopt Statement of Financial Accounting Standards SFAS No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: Unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted assets, and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Organization is required to present a statement of cash flows.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time.

Permanently restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

Expiration of donor-imposed restrictions:

The expiration of a donor-imposed restriction on a contribution or on endowment income is recognized in the period in which the restriction expires and at that time the related resources are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. A restriction expires when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Collections:

The Society does not capitalize its collections. The collections consist of artifacts of historical significance and art objects which are held for educational, research, and custodial purposes. The Organization protects, cares for, preserves and keeps its collections unencumbered, subject to a policy that requires proceeds from their sales to be used to acquire other items for collections.

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NOTE 2: Contributions Receivable

Included in contributions receivable are the following unconditional promises to give:

	2007	2006
Contributions receivable	\$60,000	\$60,000
Less: Unamortized discount (rate of 4%)	22,500	23,940
	<u>\$37,500</u>	<u>\$36,060</u>

The entire amount is due in 2019 and is considered collectible.

NOTE 3: Land, Building and Equipment

	Years	2007	Cost	2006
Land and building	37-40	\$578,621	\$578,621	
Improvements	15-40	153,661	153,661	
Equipment	10-May	82,855	82,855	
		\$795,137	\$794,876	
Less - Accumulated depreciation		(444,705)	(433,377)	
Net Fixed Assets		<u>\$ 350,432</u>	<u>\$ 361,499</u>	

NOTE 4: Investments - Marketable Securities

Investments in securities are recorded at their fair values, which are based on quoted market prices for individual debt and marketable securities and published unit values for mutual funds. Purchased securities are recorded at cost as of their trade dates, donated securities are recorded at their market values on the dates received. Gains or losses from the sale of securities are determined by the first-in, first-out method. Investments restricted for long-term purposes totaled \$ 137,378 at December 31, 2007 and 2006.

	2007		2006	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Stocks	\$98,585	\$164,327	\$132,697	\$193,522
Mutual funds	374,003	413,641	229,970	267,004
Corporate bonds	35,000	32,655	155,000	154,764
Government bonds	80,303	81,604	40,114	39,948
Total marketable securities	\$587,891	\$692,227	\$557,781	\$655,238
Portion permanently restricted		(137,378)		(137,378)
Net marketable securities		<u>\$554,849</u>		<u>\$517,860</u>

Market value exceeds cost by \$ and \$97,457 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash:

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity date of three months or less to be cash or cash equivalents.

Inventories:

Inventories are stated at lower of cost or market value, with cost generally determined on the first-in, first-out method.

Land, building and equipment:

Purchases of property are capitalized at cost. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Minor additions and replacements and routine repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Contributions:

Contributions, including charitable gift annuities and unconditional promises to give, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Unconditional promises to give, due in the next year, are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give, due in subsequent years, are reported at the present value of their net realizable value, using risk-free interest rates applicable to the years in which the promises are to be received.

In-kind contributions:

Contributions of donated non-cash assets are recorded at their fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance non-financial assets or that require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically be purchased if not provide by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received.

Advertising:

The Organization uses advertising to promote its programs among the public it serves. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising was \$ 116 and \$ 212 for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Income Taxes:

No provision for income taxes has been made due to the Organization's tax exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(3).

Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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NOTE 5: Deferred Gift Annuity Liability

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between a donor and the issuing nonprofit whereby a donor irrevocably transfers money and or property in exchange for the nonprofit's promise to pay an annuity for the life of one or two annuitants. As such, the nonprofit has a legal obligation to make the gift annuity payments. The gift annuity assets are backed by the full assets of the issuing nonprofit, which emphasize the obligation of the nonprofit to continuing paying annuitants - regardless of existence or condition of the organization's charitable gift annuity reserves.

A charitable gift annuity contract was entered into on December 3, 2007. Assets in the amount of \$100,274 were received on that date. Quarterly annuity payments of \$2833 will be paid to the donor for life. The amount recorded as deferred gift annuity liability was calculated in accordance with Internal Revenue Service valuation tables, based on life expectancy, at \$38,225. A charitable remainder value of \$62050 was booked as income. A prorated payment of \$893 was made during 2007, for a remaining liability balance at December 31, 2007 of \$37,332.

NOTE 6: Temporarily and Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted and permanently restricted net assets at December 31, 2007 and 2006 were available for the following purposes:

	2007	2006
Capital campaign	\$81,734	\$93,894
Mollycckett world exhibit	565	537
Scholarships	1,453	1,453
Austin Twitchell collection/Moses Mason House	25,634	41,000
Charitable Gift Annuity	98,005	0
Special events	9,596	7,827
	<u>\$216,987</u>	<u>\$144,711</u>

Permanently restricted net assets are as follows:

	2007	2006
Collections and preservation of buildings	\$122,378	\$122,378
Special events	20,000	20,000
Plants for buildings and grounds	4,860	4,860
Scholarships	4,275	4,275
Books and genealogical materials	2,560	2,560
Noil award	500	500
	<u>\$154,573</u>	<u>\$154,573</u>

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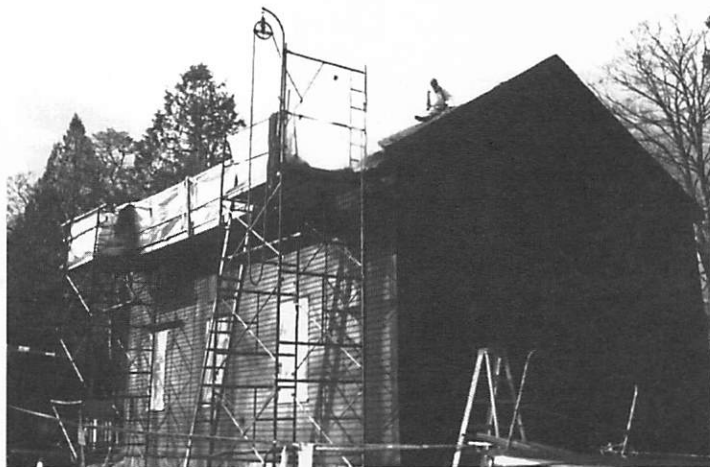
Photo Gallery



Edie Doyle, a student Society member, is a new volunteer, working on mailings, oral history projects, and assisting at Society events.



Barry F. Mower, a biologist at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, (second from right) spoke on the environmental history of the Androscoggin in November. His lecture was supported in part by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council. With Mower are from left to right, former Society trustee Peggy Wight of Newry, Society President Susan Herlihy of Newry, and Stuart Cooper of Sumner, retired chemical engineer, who worked closely with Barry Mower on water quality issues at the Rumford mill.



Replacement of the roof on the Dr. Moses Mason House barn was completed in late December.



Scott Andrews of Portland presented the final lecture in the 2008 series, "Maine History: Varied and Vivid," on the history of skiing in Maine. His appearance was made possible in part by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

Diary of Edgar Harvey Powers

(continued from the last issue)



June 16—Have been hoeing today on the island. Bickmore [John B. Stearns] helped me today. Ball B. Willis come [sic] down tonight, and to[ok?] a rect [sic?] from Mother and I, so he can settle this estate. The judge allowed him 40.00 for his services. Shingled Rosettas [sic] hair this morning. A very hot day indeed. June 17—Finished hoeing the corn on the island tis forenoon. This afternoon hoed the corn before the house. Bickmore Stearns helped me. Unckle [sic] Orsons [sic] folks hoed their corn on the island today. Quite warm. June 18—Have been fixing up round the buildings this forenoon. This afternoon went up to Newry to see if I could get help to build the line fence. Old Black is quite sick. Sarah Powers come [sic] over tonight. She and I took a walk this evening. A very hot day. Thermometer stood at 92 deg. June 19—Went down and got William Barker to cut my hair. Went up to John Saunders and got the Revised Statutes. Called into B.B. Willis. Very hot. Thermometer stood at 95 deg. June 20—James (Roberts), Joshua (Howard), and John (Saunders) come [sic] on and divided the line through the pasture between Unckle [sic] Orson and I. He did not attend. They assigned me the upper part through the woods and lower part through the pasture. Went up to Newry after Edwin to come down and help me build fence. June 21—Staid at Edwins [sic] last night. He and Theresa come [sic] down this morning. We got out stake poles enough to build fence through the pasture. He took our colt and gig and went home tonight. I sold wool for 75 cts. Last years, unwashed, 60 cts. Paid Foster \$30 that I borrowed of him May 16. Augustine come [sic] down with his oxen tonight. June 22—Nahum Frost, Wm. O. Straw, Edwin B. Lane, Milton Roberts, Almeron Roberts & their oxen & August & his oxen have been helping me build fence today. We got our part done through the pasture. Went down and talked with Blanchard [Atty. Orlando W. Blanchard] about the fence. I guess I am al right. June 24—Went down to get some photographs taken, but Jes [Jesse Howe] was gone up to Howards [sic] Pond fishing. Called in to Mr. Straws [sic] She [Mrs. Straw?] played on the piano and sung. Called into Galen Howes [sic]; also the Deacons [sic]. Ball B. Willis [sic] girl is in from Waterford. Went up to settle with him, but he was gone. Paid Unckle [sic] William \$41.00. He was over today. June 25—Have been hoeing potatoes some today. Went down to the Point tonight to do some trading. Mr. Chapman come [sic] down and got the wool today. It come [sic] to \$113.58. Paid Ball \$29.55 for money paid and his services as administrator on this estate. His services was [sic] \$12.00 and cheap enough. June 26—Went down to the Point to meeting today. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Walcott. Text: Palms 19 Chap. 17 Verse. Father Lufkin preached up to the old meeting house. They organized a sabbath school up here tonight. They wanted me to take charge of the one class. Very warm. June 27—Went up and asked Unckle [sic] Orson if was going to build his part of the fence. I do not think he will. I told the mean old cuss just what he was. I went up to see Lawyer [David] Hammons [of Bethel Hill]. I met him up by Eames [sic]. He is going to look it up. If everything is right, I shall build his fence for him. June 28—Went down to Virgins [sic] and got 30 slabs to build fence back of the barn. Paid him 30 cts. Went to the Point and got 12 lbs. nails, and one scythe. Received a letter from Mary E. Lampher. Went

up and got Mrs. Williams [sic] horse to go to Bethel Hill tomorrow. June 29—Carried Mrs. Williams [sic] wool on to Bethel Hill. She sold it to Mighill Mason. Went in to see Mr. Hammons. He said all was wrong and I must notify over again. He said they could not give less than thirty days, and I must move my fence onto the line. Got a book for Jame. June 30—Finished hoeing potatoes before the house. Bela Williamson helped me in the afternoon. Notified James and John to divide the line again. Went down to see [Enoch] Foster. He advised me to take counsel from Hammons. James wants to go up and talk with Hammons. July 1—Got Mrs. Williams [sic] horse and waggon and carried James up to the Hill [Bethel]. Gibson [Attorney Samuel F. Gibson (1823-1889)] says I am all right and Hammons [Attorney David Hammons (1808-1888)] says I am not. Edwin and Theresa was [sic] down today. They stopped to B.B. Willis to tea. I helped Bela cultivate his potatoes. Then come [sic] down and stopped at Balls [sic] to supper. July 2—Rainy all day. Went down to the Point [Rumford] and got some salt. Paid one dollar a bushel. R. B. Foster went down with me. Carried grist to mill. Pat went down and got a load of slabs. Carried Daniel Straw down to Office. Rains nicely now. July 3—Went up to the mountain and salted the colt this morning. Daniel Straw, B.B. Willis and Mr. Eames called today. Carried Mother up to Newry. Went up to see Augustine. Mother is going to stay till tomorrow night. Went to Sabbath school. Joshua stays with Pat last night.

(to be continued)

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Editor's Corner

This marks the final time that news of the Society will be found in this publication, as *The Courier* becomes devoted entirely to historical articles and photographs, book notes and reviews, and accounts of conference papers and lectures held in one or the other of the Society's buildings or under its sponsorship. We plan to add another four pages to the *Broad Street Herald* and reduce *The Courier* from twelve to eight pages. This arrangement will allow members and friends to be kept abreast of the Society's events and developments in the *Herald* and make it possible for *The Courier* to focus entirely on the history of northern New England, with an emphasis on western Maine and northern New Hampshire. During this transition, I hope readers will allow us some margin of tolerance as we see how all this is going to work. We believe these changes will improve our member services and raise the Society to another level of achievement.

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In Memoriam

Died, 7 December 2009, Rosalie T. Wight, Bethel,
Life Member

Died, 13 December 2009, John King, Lakeland, FL,
Life Member

Book Note

Notorious & Notable New Englanders. By Peter F. Stevens. (Camden, Maine: Down East Books, 1997. Pp. 280. Paper. \$14.95)

In this useful book, Peter Stevens brings together a wide variety of people who have lived in New England and made a name for themselves in some distinctive way. This "gallery of unfairly forgotten heroes, heroines, victims, villains, crackpots, rogues and innovators," can't help but entertain and inform the reader and student of New England's past. Here are portrayed more than thirty individuals, among them "sinners among the saints," who did not live up to the high standards set by Puritan church leaders, America's first Black woman physician, the indomitable Hannah Duston who escaped Indian captivity, the industrial genius Samuel Slater of Rhode Island, and the unlucky Loyalist Henry Pelham, whose feud with the wily Paul Revere attained legendary proportions. Readers looking for brief biographies of some famous New Englanders as well as remote figures from the past brought to life by Peter Stevens, will find this book of interest. It also contains a section on notes and sources as well as a detailed index.

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